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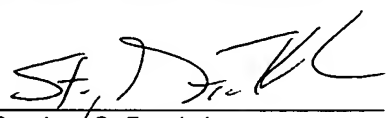
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

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The above documents are listed on Form PTO/SB/08 which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2), enclosed is a copy of each foreign patent document and non-patent literature document listed.

An English language abstract obtained from the Worldwide *esp@cenet* database provider is included herewith for the following foreign patent documents: DE 34 02 407 A1, EP 0 254 977 A1 (see also U.S. Patent 4,850,474), and FR 2 590 243 A1.

This application is a continuation in part of prior application number 10/270,813, filed October 15, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,823,983 B2 (Attorney Docket No.73636).

Applicants and the undersigned attorney also bring to the attention of the Examiner the following related patent application currently pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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